Senate File 287 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 287 BY CHAPMAN

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating academic eligibility standards for public
- 2 school students participating in extracurricular
- 3 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 1 Section 1. Section 280.13, Code 2019, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 280.13 Requirements for interscholastic athletic contests and 4 competitions.
- 5 l. A public school shall not participate in or allow
- 6 students representing a public school to participate in any
- 7 extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition
- 8 which is sponsored or administered by an organization as
- 9 defined in this section subsection, unless the organization
- 10 is registered with the department of education, files
- 11 financial statements with the department in the form and at
- 12 the intervals prescribed by the director of the department of
- 13 education, and is in compliance with rules which the state
- 14 board of education adopts for the proper administration,
- 15 supervision, operation, adoption of eligibility requirements,
- 16 and scheduling of extracurricular interscholastic athletic
- 17 contests and competitions and the organizations. Such rules
- 18 shall not include academic eligibility standards for students
- 19 participating in extracurricular interscholastic athletic
- 20 contests or competitions. For the purposes of this section
- 21 subsection, "organization" means a corporation, association,
- 22 or organization which has as one of its primary purposes the
- 23 sponsoring or administration of extracurricular interscholastic
- 24 athletic contests or competitions, but does not include an
- 25 agency of this state, a public or private school or school
- 26 board, or an athletic conference or other association whose
- 27 interscholastic contests or competitions do not include more
- 28 than twenty-four schools.
- 29 2. The Iowa high school athletic association and the Iowa
- 30 girls high school athletic union shall jointly develop and
- 31 implement a policy establishing academic eligibility standards
- 32 for students participating in extracurricular interscholastic
- 33 athletic contests or competitions. The policy shall not impose
- 34 multiple periods of ineligibility for a single violation of the
- 35 policy.

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Sec. 2. RULES EFFECTIVE - NOTICE TO DEPARTMENT -
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 2 RESCISSION OF RULES. Administrative rules adopted by the
 3 department of education establishing academic eligibility
 4 standards for students participating in extracurricular
 5 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions pursuant
 6 to section 280.13 prior to the enactment of this Act shall
 7 continue to be effective until the Iowa high school athletic
 8 association and the Iowa girls high school athletic union
 9 have implemented a policy establishing academic eligibility
10 standards for students participating in extracurricular
11 interscholastic athletic contests or competitions as required
12 by section 280.13, subsection 2, as enacted by this Act, and
13 have jointly provided written notice to that effect to the
14 department. Upon receiving such notice, the department shall
15 commence rulemaking pursuant to chapter 17A to rescind any
16 rules establishing academic eligibility standards for students
17 participating in extracurricular interscholastic athletic
18 contests or competitions pursuant to section 280.13.
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                              EXPLANATION
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           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
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            the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
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      This bill requires the Iowa high school athletic
23 association and the Iowa girls high school athletic union
24 to jointly develop and implement a policy establishing
25 academic eligibility standards for students participating
26 in extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or
27 competitions. The policy shall not impose multiple periods of
28 ineligibility for a single violation of the policy.
29 provides that the department of education does not have the
30 authority to adopt administrative rules on the same subject.
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      The bill provides that such administrative rules previously
32 adopted by the department of education shall continue to be
33 effective until the Iowa high school athletic association and
34 the Iowa girls high school athletic union have implemented a
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35 policy as required in the bill and jointly provided written

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- 1 notice to that effect to the department. The bill requires the
- 2 department to commence rulemaking to rescind such rules upon
- 3 receiving such notice.